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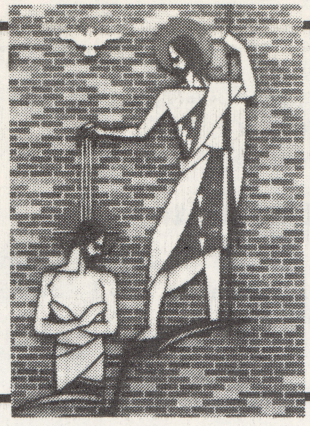

Just a Word... *by Fr. Harvey*

Today's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas Season in the church's liturgical calendar. It has been more than just a beautiful season - it is memorable. Thanks to all of you who helped make the season such by your hard effort and prayerful presence.

Christmas clean-up

We would appreciate some assistance this coming Tuesday evening, January 13th. Our tree forest must be cleared from the sanctuary along with all Christmas decorations. The whole project should not take more than an hour if we have a number of agile bodies and several pairs of nimble hands. We will begin the demolition at 7:00 p.m. Come and weep with us!

The Catholic Weekly

For the past few years, all registered parishioners of this parish have been offered the opportunity to subscribe to **The Catholic Weekly,** our official diocesan newspaper. Not only does this weekly paper keep you informed on happenings in the Diocese and in our own local area but the paper can be a very helpful educational tool for the Catholic of 1976. It is a readable, worthwhile publication. (This week's issue contains a story on our own parish and our efforts in helping Mr. and Mrs. Thang Tong Do, the Vietnamese family recently resettled on Davis St.) Mrs. Mil Kerner is our parish correspondent with the editorial office of the paper. We thank her for her faithfulness.

Contained in the January mailing of parish envelopes, is a green envelope designated **"Catholic Weekly."** If you wish to subscribe or renew your subscription to the **Catholic Weekly,** please mark and return the special envelope by the last Sunday of January. (The suggested offering of $5.00 for a yearly subscription to be mailed to your home does NOT cover the cost completely. However, we are anxious that many more families become regular subscribers and readers of this paper and thus the parish will make up the difference.)

They'll Return

At this writing, our Pastoral Team is temporarily minus two members. Sister Anne. our Religious Education Coordinator, left December 31st for Rome. She was requested to serve as a process person for the General Chapter of the Sisters of the Holy Childhood. an international community of Sisters. Since the General Chapter is meeting in Rome, she was transported to the Eternal City with all expenses paid in return for her services. Sister Anne will return at the end of this month, and will extend her contract with us until the end of June instead of May, as previously planned.

Fr. Jerry is also away for a few days - at his own expense, unfortunately for him! He will return this coming Thursday from a 10 day vacation in Arizona where he and another priest visited a former faculty member from the Seminary.

Hasn't the snow been beautiful??! Only 70 days 'til Spring - that's only 1,680 more hours of Winter.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 11
First Reading ..... Is. 42: 1-4,6-7
Second Reading ..... Acts 10:34-38
Gospel ..... Mk. 1:7-11
Sunday, January 18
First Reading ..... Sam. 3:3-10, 19
Second Reading 1 Cor. 6:13-15, 17-20
Gospel ..... Jn. 1:35-42

In the Peace of Christ

We extend prayerful sympathy to two families who have recently suffered bereavement.

Irvin W. Rudolph, age 53 passed away on December 31, 1975. Funeral services were conducted by Fr. Harvey on January 5, 1976 in the Wagner-Stark Moore Memorial Chapel. Sister Carol served as lector. Burial followed in Parkview Memorial Park, Livonia.

Mr. Rudolph is survived by three sons, Kenneth, Mark and Dale, two daughters, Judy and Denise and other family members. including his mother.

Mary H. Sanocki, age 80, died suddenly on January 2, 1976. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Fr. Harvey in our church on January 5, 1976. Burial followed in our parish cemetery.

Mrs. Nancy Wagner was lector and soloist for the funeral Mass, accompanied by Miss Marie Stachlewitz, organist.

Mary is survived by three sons and three daughters, 22 grandchildren and other relatives. Her husband, John, was buried from this parish 10 weeks ago.

May they share the fullness of Christ's life!

Religion Teachers Needed

There is an urgent need for catechists on the following levels:

Grade 1 Wed. 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Grade 7 Tues. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Please give this matter serious consideration. If you do not feel called to this area of ministry, perhaps you know of a friend who might be interested. Please call Sr.

Sheila at 483-6378 (Center) or 483-3408 (Convent) as soon as possible.

Adult Education

Please return registration to: St. John Center, 411 Florence, Ypsilanti, 48197.

Name.....

Address.....

Phone .....

Babysittings will be arranged if requested. Please indicate at time of registration if you intend to bring children.

A Workshop Examining The Christian Life Style

An opportunity for Personal Value Clarifying in the areas of self, others, family, faith, interdependence and intimacy.

9:00-11:30 a.m. on Friday, January 30, February 13, February 27 and March 5 in Center Library.

Instructor: Sr. Donna Kustusch, O.P.

Designed for any interested adult, of special interest to those desiring personal awareness, growth experience, parents, catechists.

Fee - $5.00 per person.
Register by January 27, 1976

By Popular Request!

Second series of Classes in BASICS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH, Thursday evenings from Jan. 22 - Feb. 26, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

FR. JERRY PLOOF will conduct this exploration of Catholic doctrine and practice through lecture, discussion and prayer opportunities. Any person who desires to renew his or her understanding of the faith since Vatican II is invited. Registration at the first meeting.

Welcome Newcomers

The following registered at St. John's during December, 1975:

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Pauwels of 141 Country Club Blvd., Belleville (461-9119)

Miss Carolyn Ann Maass of 1110 Grant St., Ypsilanti (487-9125)

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Smith of 915 Pleasant Dr., Ypsilanti (485-0102)

Mr. & Mrs. David Fisk of 1402 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti (485-7405)

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Katke of 6035 S. Mohawk, Ypsilanti (485-4058)

Mrs. Marian Burt of 1443 Gregory St., Ypsilanti

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Chmiel of 9798 Ivan Dr. Lot 20, Ypsilanti (485-7585)

Mr. & Mrs. Thong Tang Do of 592 Davis St., Ypsilanti (481-0050)

Mrs. Veronica Wilson of 4782 Washtenaw No. A1, Ann Arbor (434-4170)

Mrs. Maria Blanco of 4726 Golfside No. 208, Ann Arbor

Mr. & Mrs. William J. Aparicio of 1073 Louise, Ypsilanti (485-3430)

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Paulsen of 1331 Skyway Dr., Ypsilanti (434-3787)

Needed:

If you have any used or old ornaments for Christmas or for anytime of the year that you do not want to pack away or you don't want to use anymore, why don't you bring them to the old end of the school building so that they can be used in preparing for the Christmas Bazaar next year. This is the time to decide before you pack them away. We will appreciate anything you want to donate along these lines.

Attention All Boys Interested in Serving Mass

There will be a new set of training sessions for all boys who are interested in serving; and this session will begin the week of January 19. This is for all boys in grades 4, 5 and 6. I would like to make sure that all of you have your parents' permission to be involved as an altar boy, so it will be necessary for you to bring me a note stating this, and signed by your parents. If you would like to serve Mass, please call the rectory and leave your name and telephone number with the secretary, and I will get in touch with you on Monday, January 19. We hope for a good turnout, as we are really in need of more altar boys.

Fr. Jerry

Vietnamese Update

Now that the holiday rush is over and we have a bit more time to give toward helping others, perhaps there are some parishioners who would be able to help with the continuing work being done for our Vietnamese family. Mr. Thong Tang Do has had the opportunity of learning enough English to see him through this time of resettlement. However, his wife, Chuc, is now in the process of attending classes so that she too will be able to converse with us and with those necessary to speak with to keep up her home and work with her family in this area. Mrs. Kay Maloney is seeking help for them while these classes are taking place. Needed are babysitters from 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays and transportation to and from the old Ypsi High School during these same hours. Please call Kay at 434-3182 to offer your services for as many times as possible. She will give you all pertinent information.

Sister Carol

Siena Heights College

Siena Heights College, Adrian, Michigan will offer three $300 grants to each parish for incoming freshmen in the Lansing Diocese. Information can be obtained by writing Sr. Irene Morence, director of financial aids, Siena Heights College, Adrian, Michigan 49221 or by phoning 517-263-0731, extension 211.

Parish Council Agenda

January 12, 1976
6:30 p.m. - Dinner Meeting at Convent

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of December 8, 1975 Council Minutes
3. Commission Reports
   A. Administration - Dave Wheeler
   1. Minutes from last meeting
   2. Financial Report
   3. Update on Renovation Drive
   4. Discussion of church roofs
   5. Sale of property on Hewitt Rd. and building of shrine on Hewitt Rd.

B. Board of Education - Roger Washburn
1. Report on Adult Education Commission Meeting
C. Service - Natalie Bowyer
1. Minutes from last meeting
2. Financial Statement
D. Worship - John Thomas
4. Old Business
5. New Business
A. Discussion of plans for visitation of Bishop Povish
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment

Mass Schedule

Monday. January 12 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Eleanor Goring, req. by Charles Hines Family
2:30 p.m. - Elizabeth Burkheiser, req. by Mrs. Frank L. Newberry
Tuesday, January 13 - St. Hilary, bishop-doctor
7:00 a.m. - Intention of Mrs. William O'Brien by Jack & Helene Maylaben
5:15 p.m. - NO MASS
Wednesday, January 14 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Catherine, Henry & Harry Dignan, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Blaha
9:00 a.m. - NO MASS
Thursday, January 15 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George J. Max
Friday, January 16 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Diane Connors, req. by the Blystone Family
Saturday, January 17 - St. Anthony, abbot
9:00 a.m. - NO MASS
5:00 p.m. - Intention of Wallace & Mary Durfee, req. by John Dawson Family
Sunday, January 18
7:00 a.m. - Al Walters, req. by The John Dawson Family
9:00 a.m. - Francis Albritton, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Leroy David
11:00 a.m. - Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by Dorothy Pinsoneault
12:30 p.m. - for the Parishioners

Wedding Banns

II Norman Waterbury and Deborah Joseph

Financial Barometer

Holyday Offering,
January 1, 1976 ..... $1,538.30
Sunday Offering
January 3, 1976 2,813,92
Special Donation 1,000.00
Hall Renovation 645.45

We had a burst of generosity in the month of December - let's hope this represents a more realistic view of our accountability to God as stewards of His goodness to us. "It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable." (Moliere)

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

11 JANUARY 1976

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Like him, we try to love. And live.

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LITURGY

SATURDAY EVENING: ..... 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: ..... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
HOLYDAY: ..... 7:00 & 9:00 a.m., 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.
DAILY: ..... 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday
.....2:30 Parkview Home Monday
.....5:15 p.m. Tuesday ... 9:00 a.m. Wednesday & Saturday

BAPTISMS: 12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month, after Parents/Expectant Parents have completed Baptismal Catechesis. Please pre-register 3 weeks in advance.
WEDDINGS: Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.
CONFESSIONS: Saturday ... 3:30 - 4:30 ... Anytime by appointment.
COMMUNAL PENANCE ..... As announced
MARIAN DEVOTIONS ..... Tuesday 6:45 p.m.
REGISTRATION: New parishioner - please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us if moving from the parish.
COMMUNION CALLS: The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRE-SCHOOL: ..... 9:00 a.m. Sunday
ELEMENTARY: ..... Wednesday Released Time and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH: ..... Tuesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
SENIOR HIGH: ..... Released Time a.m. ...and 3:00 p.m.
SPECIAL EDUCATION: ..... Arrangements made.
ADULT: ..... As announced

PARISH SERVICES

BABYSITTING: ..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS: ..... After 9 and 11 Masses
BINGO: ..... Wednesday 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. - Open 6:30

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